

FAIRFAX PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, October 22, 2014

Members Present: G. Heyer, M. Hunziker, Mark Kane, R. Wimble, Martha Varney

Public Present: Michael Cain, Katrina Antonovich, Thomas Walsh, Kevin Russell, Amanda Holland, Doug Weber, Skip Taylor, ZA

7:02PM- G. Heyer called the meeting to order.

Kevin Russell of Community Development Services, **Doug Weber** of Summit Engineering; and **Amanda Holland** of Northwest Regional Planning Commission worked as a team to create a presentation on Fairfax North-South Pedestrian Connector Scoping Study. The Planning Commission and the Advisory Committee which included business holders and community stakeholders were invited along with the general public and community to attend this meeting to hear of the recent scoping study.

K. Russell began by presenting the scoping study. The presentation covered the purpose and need to connect the North and South Villages, the recent field investigations, the recent conference with VTRANS, Bridge Alteration ideas, previous studies, non-motorized travel plan alternatives, East side & West side alternatives, Village Sidewalk reconstruction, bridge modifications, new sidewalks, traffic calming, and private improvements. A handout titled "Evaluation Matrix" was given out to everyone who attended that had two options and costs listed. A copy of the handout along with a copy of the presentation will be in the Zoning Office for viewing.

Throughout the presentation and at the end of the presentation there was general discussion on safety and concerns. Some of the safety concerns were high traffic speeds, drainage, large trucks and/or agricultural equipment mainly regarding the usage of the roads shoulders, snow management and removal, creating traffic calming features such as signage, radar speed activated warning signals, green paint on the roads, light poles on the bridge and a possible cross walk. The discussion also included the proposed options presented and how they would impact the Town, and if they would be feasible.

8:52PM- M. Kane moved that Option A on the West side of route 104 would be the preferred option and that Option B on the East side of route 104 would be retained for now. **M. Hunziker** 2nd. All in Favor.

The next time the Planning Commission will meet is on November 17, 2014 at 7PM at the SelectBoard Meeting. The Consultant **K. Russell** will present his findings to the SelectBoard and the general public. This Meeting will be hosted by the SelectBoard.

8:57PM- M. Kane moved to adjourn; M. Varney 2nd. All in favor.

8:30PM- M. Hunziker made a motion to adjourn; **M. Varney** 2nd. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Marshall
Planning & Zoning Assistant

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____
For the Planning Commission

These draft minutes are unofficial until approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting. All motions were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.